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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in California, Chicago, and Boston. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, slightly better where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to fully adequate supplies. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for irregular processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on the heavier weight eggs and unchanged on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, somewhat better into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for irregular processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, slightly better where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Most buyers refilling the pipeline after the holiday. Offerings generally adequate.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 1 to 3 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was moderate to at times good for vacation and resort areas that experienced improved movement over the holiday weekend. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to instances moderate for the shortened work week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was about steady. Demand was moderate, best where features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 25, 2001 was 61.82 cents, 11.42 cents more than the previous week and 12.84 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for irregular processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 14% higher than last week with California up 20% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand fairly good to make up lost Monday deliveries and cover planned features. Offerings fully adequate to ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	87-89	70-72
New York	65-67	62-65	48-51
Philadelphia	63-65	61-63	47-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-59	56.5-58	39-40
Jackson (1)	68-69	65-66	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	65-78	62-75	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-60	54-59	40-45
Detroit (2)	52-55	51-54	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	53-59	52-57	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	56-63	54-61	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	73-77	68-72	51-54
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	85	75

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 20% higher than last week. Retailer demand fairly good, best where features planned. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 179, large dozen 129, buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	75
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	245-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	179-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	167-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 01, 2001 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 25, 2001 were 269,914 cases which was 12 percent above the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	236,404	33,510	269,914
% change from the			
prior week.....	+14	-4	+12

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was light to instances moderate for the shortened work week. Most breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production and showed little interest in additional heavy nest runs at this call. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-12	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were only fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR
WEEK OF 28-MAY-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11	8-9	8.65

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher on less volume when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 28-MAY-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-10.5	8-9.75	8.75
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 28, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.2	16.7	7.8	11.4	9.0
	Change	0.9	2.6	1.5	0.3	0.3
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.9	46.4	14.8	27.9	20.5
	Change	2.6	14.0	1.3	5.7	0.9
Large	Curr Wk	43.2	98.0	71.0	74.4	100.1
	Change	-1.1	10.7	-0.7	8.3	9.2
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	34.5	18.7	30.0	26.7
	Change	-1.2	4.8	2.6	6.8	4.7
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	4.7	3.0	6.1	6.9
	Change	2.1	-1.2	1.3	2.9	2.0
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	16.8	3.2	9.7	5.1
	Change	1.1	-4.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.9	55.8	17.7	23.9	32.7
	Change	-6.1	-7.8	-0.8	-0.8	7.0
Total	Curr Wk	131.0	272.9	136.2	183.4	201.0
Percent	Change	-1%	7%	4%	14%	14%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	924.5	8%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	308.8	2%	38

Total Shell Egg 1233.3 6% 210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14, 2001.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 14, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 28, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS		TOTAL LOADS					
3.00								1.00		4.00					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	38.00	39.00	—	—	1.00	SE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NE	—	3.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	46.00	—	—	1.00	MW	—	—	1.00	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	31.00	32.00	—	—	1.00	SC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
								NW	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
								SW	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
								TOTALS	—	3.00	1.00	—	—	—	4.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/22/01-05/28/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS		TOTAL LOADS					
64.50								61.50		126.00					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	37.17	43.67	37.83	39.17	27.25	29.00	33.00	GNR W 1	41.00	45.00	—	50.00	—	—	10.00
GNR W 2	—	37.00	32.00	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	37.00	38.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	45.00	—	—	—	54.27	10.00
GNR BR 2	—	—	34.50	36.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	39.00	—	—	—	49.83	7.75
GL W XL	—	—	45.75	48.00	43.93	—	20.00	GL W MD	28.89	—	—	—	—	34.24	7.75
GL W LG	—	—	42.88	44.88	39.42	—	12.25	GL W SM	22.00	—	—	—	—	29.63	2.00
GL W MD	28.75	29.60	26.97	28.71	26.70	29.00	19.00	NRBS - 48	25.00	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00
GL W SM	23.25	25.38	22.67	25.50	22.25	—	6.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	25.00	9.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	23.50	25.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	—	—	14.40	4.25								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	11.00	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/13/01 - 05/19/01

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern, CA		Central, CA		Southern, CA		
California	12.00		1,200.00		3,504.00		4,716.00
Colorado	0.00		0.00		810.00		810.00
Iowa	1,489.00		1,600.00		22,777.00		25,866.00
Michigan	0.00		0.00		830.00		830.00
Minnesota	0.00		1,560.00		3,480.00		5,040.00
Mississippi	0.00		0.00		950.00		950.00
Missouri	0.00		0.00		2,530.00		2,530.00
Nevada	0.00		0.00		216.00		216.00
New Hampshire	0.00		0.00		1,440.00		1,440.00
Ohio	0.00		0.00		3,999.00		3,999.00
Oregon	2,017.00		3,132.00		0.00		5,149.00
Texas	0.00		0.00		1,730.00		1,730.00
Utah	1,880.00		3,269.00		4,997.00		10,146.00
Washington	0.00		660.00		0.00		660.00
Wisconsin	0.00		800.00		0.00		800.00
TOTAL	5,398.00		12,221.00		47,263.00		64,882.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	5,398.00		12,221.00		47,263.00		64,882.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	81-84	68-71	51-54	18-21

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
60-63	51-57	49-54	34-39	24-28

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	19-21	10-12

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
74.57	72.27	54.57	44.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/21/01	05/14/01	05/22/00
PACIFIC COAST	340	387	508
LOS ANGELES	305	343	405

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 05/13/01-05/19/01
 30-dozen cases 4,565
 Receipts from the mainland: 05/6/01-05/12/01
 30-dozen cases 5,276

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